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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Shinji TAKEDA, et al.

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EXAMINER: KARIKARI, K.

FOR: MULTI-HOP COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, RADIO CONTROL STATION, RADIO STATION AND MULTI-HOP COMMUNICATION METHOD

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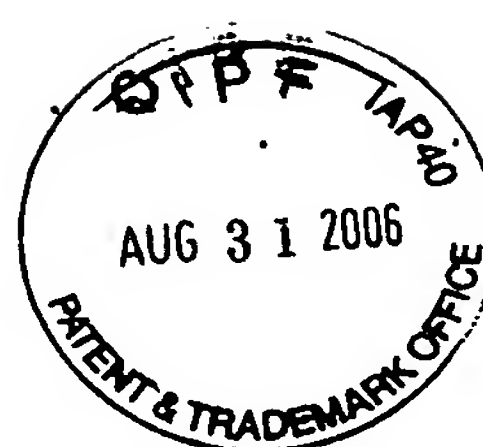


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Application No. : 2,458,192
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Classification : H04L 12/28 (2006.01)
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Examiner : G. Matar

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE *PATENT RULES*. IN ORDER TO AVOID ABANDONMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE *PATENT ACT*, A WRITTEN REPLY MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined taking into account applicant's correspondence received in this office on December 2, 2005.

The number of claims in this application is 19.

The examiner has identified the following defects in the application:

A search of the prior art has revealed the following:

Reference Applied:

United States Patent
6 097 703

August 1, 2000

Larsen et al.

Larsen et al. disclose a method of transmitting message data from an originating station to a destination station comprising:

- monitoring, at the originating station, the activity of other stations;
- transmitting the message data to at least a first intermediate station for onward transmission to the destination station;

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- transmitting confirmation data back from the first intermediate station to the originating station; and characterized in that each station in the network monitors the quality of the signal path to other stations and in that the selection of the first intermediate station or any further intermediate stations is made opportunistically, at the time of the transmission of the message data, according to predetermined criteria including the monitored quality of the signal path between the transmitting station and potential intermediate stations (See Larsen et al. column 1, line 35 - column 5, line 7; column 6, line 62 - column 7, line 44; column 8, lines 42-48; column 8, line 54 - column 9, line 7; column 9, lines 49-63).

The claims on file do not comply with section 28.3 of the *Patent Act*. The subject matter of these claims would have been obvious on the claim date to a person skilled in the art or science to which they pertain having regard to Larsen et al.

A statement in an application, such as found on page 1, line 8 which incorporates by reference any other document, does not comply with subsection 81(1) of the *Patent Rules*.

In accordance with subsection 81(2) of the *Patent Rules*, all documents referred to in the description of an application must be available to the public. Reference to the document on page 1, lines 5-8 must be deleted or replaced by its corresponding patent number or publication number.

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned, under subsection 30(2) of the *Patent Rules*, to amend the application in order to comply with the *Patent Act* and the *Patent Rules* or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

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